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**MEMORANDUM #2015-146**

**TO: HRPDC/HRTPO Board Members**

**FROM: Robert Crum, Executive Director**

**RE: Executive Director's Report**

A brief summary of ongoing work activities is presented below for review by the HRPDC/HRTPO Board members.

A working 2040 LRTP Draft Fiscally-Constrained List of Projects was developed and presented to the HRTPO Board at its May 2015 Annual Retreat Meeting. In July 2015, HRTPO staff was informed by VDOT, the original revenue forecast from December 2013 was being revised to reflect the funding mechanisms described in House Bill 1887 including: State of Good Repair, High-Priority Projects Program, and the District Grants Program. The HRTPO staff received the revised revenue forecast from VDOT on October 30, 2015. Using the revised revenue forecast, HRTPO staff plans to work with the TTAC to develop a new draft 2040 fiscally-constrained list of projects.

The revised forecasted revenues and schedule for the 2040 LRTP are provided below:

## 2040 LRTP REVISED Forecasted Revenues

ORIGINAL 2040 LRTP Forecast: \$24.2 Billion <small>Received December 2013</small>		REVISED 2040 LRTP Forecast: \$21 Billion <small>Received October 30, 2015</small>	
	FY 2016 - 2040	FY 2016 - 2040	Difference
Maintenance – VDOT and Localities	\$12 Billion	\$12 Billion	NONE
Hampton Roads Transportation Fund	\$8 Billion	\$6 Billion	- \$2 Billion
Construction	\$4.2 Billion	\$3 Billion	- \$1.2 Billion

Source: VDOT

## 2040 LRTP REVISED Schedule

November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>LRTP Subcommittee Meeting – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am</b></li><li>• Revise working Draft Fiscally-Constrained List of Projects</li></ul>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue working on Draft Fiscally-Constrained List of Projects</li><li>• <b>Anticipate HRTAC Financing Plan for Regional Priority Projects</b></li></ul>
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Present Draft Fiscally-Constrained List of Projects to TTAC</li><li>• Present Draft Fiscally-Constrained List of Projects to HRTPO Board</li></ul>
January - March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advisory Committee Review of Draft Fiscally-Constrained List of Projects</li><li>• Public Review of Draft Fiscally-Constrained List of Projects</li></ul>
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HRTPO Board Final Approval of Fiscally-Constrained List of Projects</li></ul>
Spring 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board Approved and Adopted 2040 LRTP</li></ul>

The HRPDC Executive Director is coordinating a meeting of local governments and school districts within Virginia's Urban Crescent to discuss the need for increased state support for public education (K-12) funding. Reductions in state funding for public education have caused challenges for local governments who are significantly limited in their ability to raise revenue as they struggle with reductions in local revenues in a challenging economic climate. The urban crescent meeting will occur on December 11, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at University of Mary Washington, Stafford County located at 121 University Boulevard in Fredericksburg.

The first HRPDC/HRTPO Legislative Forum will be held on December 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Chesapeake Conference Center. At this meeting, members of the HRPDC and HRTPO Boards will present their regional legislative priorities to the Hampton Roads General Assembly members and the Region's federal delegation. All HRPDC and HRTPO Board members are asked to attend this legislative forum.

The Regional Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) Committee held its monthly meeting on November 4, 2015. Agenda items included review of a proposed Groundwater Withdrawal Conservation Incentive Program, discussion of challenges experienced by rural jurisdictions in their efforts to secure transportation funding, and a review of regional interest items.

The Executive Director continues to work with the Region's CAOs and community partners on the future direction of the HRPDC coastal resiliency planning program. As part of this  
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effort, each jurisdiction has been asked to appoint a Deputy CAO to serve on the HRPDC's Coastal Resiliency Committee. In jurisdictions where a Deputy CAO is not available to serve this role, jurisdictions are asked to appoint the highest available staff person to serve on this Committee. To ensure coordination in this effort, the Executive Director recently provided correspondence to Old Dominion University (ODU) providing information on the future direction of the HRPDC coastal resiliency effort.

The Executive Director and HRTPO staff continue to coordinate efforts on a daily basis with the HRTAC Executive Director regarding the HRTPO Long Range Transportation Plan process and the plan of finance for the Region's priority transportation projects. HRTPO/HRPDC staff continue to provide support to the HRTAC in the areas of financial management, human resources, web site management and general administrative support.

The HRPDC Executive Director continues to chair a committee consisting of VAPDC Executive Directors to provide input on proposals for the GO Virginia program.

The Executive Director attended meetings of the following jurisdictions and community groups to provide presentations on the work of the HRPDC and HRTPO.

- Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors – October 15
- Hampton Roads Public Transportation Alliance – October 27
- Williamsburg City Council – November 9, 2015

The HRTPO staff attended and participated in the 2015 Governor's Transportation Conference held in Virginia Beach. The HRTPO staff provided presentations for two sessions. HRTPO Deputy Executive Director Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht participated in a panel entitled HRTAC Now, and discussed the HRTPO's prioritization process for regional transportation projects. HRTPO Principal Planner Dale Stith participated in a breakout session entitled Connect Hampton Roads – Evolution of Mobility in Hampton Roads. Ms. Stith presented information on the Hampton Roads LRTP planning process and the HRTPO's public transportation planning efforts.

The HRPDC staff participated in a Core Data Work Group Kick Off meeting on October 22, 2015 to discuss opportunities to develop a regionally coordinated data base for the Region's homeless populations.

The HRPDC staff coordinated with Opportunity, Inc. to host a meeting of the Organization's Chief Local Elected Officials on October 21, 2015.

The HRPDC staff continues to summarize the public input received through the Envision Hampton Roads process. Staff is in the process of developing a draft description of regional priorities based on the input received through this process.

The HRPDC staff is working to provide assistance to the Town of Windsor for a possible community survey.

The Executive Director has participated in initial meetings with various community partners to discuss the potential for a regional broadband initiative.

The Executive Director will participate in the second monthly regional roundtable on November 13, 2015. This effort was initiated by the Executive Director and other regional partners to promote the exchange of information among regional agencies in the community.

The HRPDC staff is working in collaboration with ODU and the Region's Geographic Information System (GIS) managers to develop a regional GIS program that will facilitate information sharing among the Region's jurisdictions.

HRTPO/HRPDC staffs have developed maps which graphically illustrate journey to work data for the Region's jurisdictions. This information will be distributed to HRPDC/HRTPO Board members.

The HRPDC staff attended and participated in the Rising Seas Summit in Boston during the first week of November. HRPDC Senior Regional Planner, Mr. Ben McFarlane, participated in three panel discussions. The first panel was a workshop for journalists writing about climate change. The second was a plenary session focused on how different regions have engaged stakeholders, and the final was focused on vulnerability analyses. Mr. McFarlane's presentations focused on the role the HRPDC plays in providing technical assistance to localities and how we coordinate with various organizations and levels of government on planning for sea level rise.